

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Amy E. Schmid on February 5, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1

claim 1, under the definition of variable W (page 3, line 7 of page), after "aromatic heterocycle", add -- wherein if the heterocycle is a pyrazole ring, the pyrazole ring -- and delete "which" before "may be substituted" .

claim 1, under the definition of Group α (page 3, tenth line from bottom of page), replace "and (di-lower" with -- or (di-lower --.

claim 1, under the definition of Group β (page 4, line 1 of page), replace "and 5-6 membered aliphatic carbocycle" with -- or 5-6 membered aliphatic carbocycle --.

claim 1, under the definition of Group γ (page 4, line 3 of page), replace "and lower" with -- or lower--.

Claim 8

claim 8 (page 4, line 3 of claim), after "heterocycle", add -- wherein if the heterocycle is a pyrazole ring, the pyrazole ring -- and delete "which" before "may be substituted".

Claim 14

Claim 14 (page 6, line 1 of claim), replace "a formula" with -- the formula -- .

claim 14, under the definition of variable W1 (page 7, line 7 of page), after "aromatic heterocycle", add -- wherein if the heterocycle is a pyrazole ring, the pyrazole ring-- and delete "which" before "may be substituted" .

claim 14, under the definition of Group alpha (page 7, tenth line from bottom of page), replace "and (di-lower" with -- or (di-lower --.

claim 14, under the definition of Group beta (page 8, line 1 of page), replace "and 5-6 membered aliphatic carbocycle" with -- or 5-6 membered aliphatic carbocycle--.

claim 14, under the definition of Group gamma (page 8, line 3 of page), replace "and lower" with -- or lower--.

Claim 21

claim 21 (page 8, lines 2-3 of claim), after "heterocycle", add -- wherein if the heterocycle is a pyrazole ring, the pyrazole ring-- and delete "which" before "may be substituted".

Claim 26

Claim 26 (page 11, line 1 of claim), replace "medical" with -- pharmaceutical--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura L. Stockton whose telephone number is (571) 272-0710. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:00 am to 2:30 pm. If the examiner is out of the Office, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached on (571) 272-0699.

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